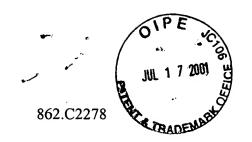
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## **PATENT APPLICATION**

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## **CLAIM TO PRIORITY**

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Applications:

2000-131747, filed April 28, 2000; and 2001-123002, filed April 20, 2001.

Certified copies of the priority documents are enclosed.

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